

Draft Agenda (as of 7/2/15)
California Downtown Association
Homeless Policy Session
Thursday, July 30, 2015
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: The Concourse Hotel at LAX
6225 W. Century Blvd. LA 90045

10 a.m.
Association

I. **Welcome** – Lauren Schlau, Chair, CA Downtown

II. **Introductions and Purpose of Session** – Kerry Morrison,
Hollywood Property Owners Alliance

Purpose of the Session

How business improvement districts respond to issues related to homelessness is rapidly evolving. Where response heretofore was guided by public safety goals, increasingly BID's find themselves balancing the quality of life needs of both the community (residents, businesses, visitors) *and* individuals who find themselves homeless in the community. The purpose of the CDA session is to achieve a "reframing" of this issue for BIDs. Further, the intent is to equip BIDs to understand where they can play a constructive role in advocating for public policy, regulatory or systemic changes at the state and local level to improve the quality of life for all in their districts and to support the national vision of ending homelessness.

10:15 a.m. III.

Snapshot: State of Homelessness in CA

Quantitative: Results from national homeless count – January

2015

Speaker: Amy Sawyer, USICH Regional Coordinator (invited)

- National trends
- State of CA
- Trends from key CA cities

10:35 a.m.

Qualitative: What is behind the increase?

Speaker: Kerry Morrison

- Economic factors
- AB 109/Prop 47
- Increase in individuals suffering from mental illness
- In-migration

10:50 a.m. IV.

Ending Chronic Homelessness

Speaker: Ryan Loofbourrow, Executive Director, Sacramento
Steps Forward

- Federal commitment to ending chronic homelessness (how that is defined and what it means for BIDs)
- What is a continuum of care and how can BIDs become engaged?
- What is Housing First?
- Risk factors associated with chronic homelessness

11:30 a.m. V. **CA's affordable housing crisis - is this a contributing factor?**

Current state of housing affordability in state

Speaker: representative from Southern CA Association of Non Profit Housing (invited)

Current legislative proposals to earmark funding for affordable housing

Speaker: Jeff Kiernan, Public Affairs Manager, League of CA Cities

- AB 1335 (Atkins)
- AB 35
- AB 90
- Other?

Recent court cases and implications on affordable housing development:

- o CBIA v. City of San Jose (re/ inclusionary zoning for condos)
- o Texas Dept. of Housing v. Inclusive Communities Project (re fair housing law)

12:30 p.m. VI. **Mental Health Policy Reform**

Speaker: Randall Hagar, Director of Governmental Relations, CA Psychiatric Association

- o The historical roots of homelessness and crime by those with mental illness
- o Discussion about proposals to reform the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS Conservatorship and other reforms)
- o Laura's Law - what is "assisted outpatient treatment" and how is it being implemented throughout the state?
- o Developments in Increasing Capacity to Help Those with a Mental Illness in Crisis
 - HR 2646 (Murphy) Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015

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- SB 82 – the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 – and how this is being implemented/how it impacts BIDs
- IMD Reform – Federal Government for the first time is going to start paying for inpatient care beds, no more street asylums?
- o Current legislative proposals to understand:
 - AB 1193 (Eggman) re/ Laura’s Law expansion in state
 - AB 11934 (Eggman) to make it easier to determine that a person is “danger to self or others”
 - AB 1300 (Ridley-Thomas) emergency physicians, crisis mental health care and 5150s
- o How can BIDs engage in policy discussions around reform efforts?

1:30 p.m. VII. **Criminal justice system - reentry impacts and substance abuse treatment**

Speaker: Peggy Edwards, Los Angeles Reentry Project, United Homeless Healthcare Partnership

- Impact of AB 109 on state of homelessness in CA
- Impact of Prop 47 - is the loss of diversion incentives to substance abuse treatment a factor in current manifestation of homelessness and increasing crime rates in some areas?
- How will funds saved from Prop 47 savings be diverted into mental health and substance abuse community treatment?

2:15 p.m. VIII. Break-out groups to flesh out action plan and next steps

(A) Making the case for BID involvement in mental health policy and reform issues

(B) How do we reconcile between competing priorities of “revitalized” downtowns against need for increased affordable housing?

(C) How do we equip our BIDs to be more proactive on these issues at local governmental level? With whom do we form coalitions?

(D) Other

3:30 p.m. Report Back and Next Steps

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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